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ABSTRACT

This silver anniversary report reviews the history of the Iowa Adult Education Association (IAEA) since its founding on April 7, 1945. IAEA conferences, meetings, workshops, and publications are covered year by year, with particular reference to such activities and concerns as leadership training, professional continuing education, educational broadcasting, and interinstitutional cooperation. Included are IAEA officers (1945-46 through 1969-70), recipients of achievement awards, and statistics on membership and attendance. (LY)

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY REVIEW

"Teamwork for Lifelong Learning"

The Iowa Association for Adult Education (renamed the Iowa Adult Education Association in 1962) was established April 7, 1945.

On January 29, 1970 its executive committee named four members to prepare this Silver Anniversary publication: Ernestine Grafton, Phil Langerman, Michael Spicer and W.H. Stacy.

Items selected from records of the past suggest guidelines for programs of the future. What follows has been gleaned from materials in files of the historian.

WHY

When 72 Iowa adult educators formed the IAAE they adopted a constitution, article II of which stated their purpose expressed in the following words (rephrased slightly in later years but not changed otherwise):

> The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage the growth and development of adult education in the state of Iowa. It shall supplement the work of other adult education agencies by providing such services as:
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> 1. Fostering acquaintanceship and cooperation among adult educators.
> 2. Providing clearing house for information regarding adult education agencies, programs, workers and participants.
> 3. Keeping the public informed regarding legislation and other factors in the field of adult education.
> 4. Encouraging committees to study their needs and establish programs to meet them.
> 5. Studying and reporting experiences and needs in the field of adult education.
> 6. Carrying on useful experiments and demonstrations.
> 7. Working toward the improvement of standards for adult education work.
> 8. Working to promote a broad concept of adult education that will include both formal and informal activities in the vocational, avocational, cultural, and citizenship fields.

WHO

Membership in the IAEA has varied over the years--usually 75 to 100. Annual dues are established by its executive committee--currently they are $1.00.

Executive committee members include the elected officers (president, vice-president and president-elect, secretary and treasurer) and chairmen of standing committees or project leaders (commonly immediate past-president, editor, MVAEA representative, membership chairman, IAEA-AEA membership

coordinator and historian). Also, included on the executive committee "may be members of the Association who are administrative leaders (or representatives of such leaders) for adult education programs serving people of more than one county or community."

Following is a reference list of persons who have served as officers and those who have received annual awards.

Officers

Year	President	Vice-Pres.	Secretary	Treasurer
1945-46	Alice Myers	Forrest Spaulding	W. H. Stacy	R. H. Tallman
1946-47	Alice Myers	Forrest Spaulding	W. H. Stacy	Ross Cramlet
1947-48	Alice Myers	Forrest Spaulding	W. H. Stacy	Ross Cramlet
1948-49	Forrest Spaulding	Ross Cramlet	John McClelland	Max Clark
1949-50	Ross Cramlet	Hew Roberts	John McClelland	John McClelland
1950-51	Glenn Holmes	Kenneth Everhart	A. M. Sarchett	A. M. Sarchett
1951-52	Mary Lyle	Mrs. Lloyd Mumford	Wayne Pratt	Wayne Pratt
1952-53	J. Leonard Davies	L. Witbeck (Mrs. H. Hunn)	Wayne Pratt	Wayne Pratt
1953-54	J. Neil Raudabaugh	Lee Witbeck	Wayne Pratt	Wayne Pratt
1954-55	Kenneth Jonson	James H. Davis	Wayne Pratt	Earl Marihart
1955-56	Hew Roberts	A. M. Sarchett	G. G. Bellamy	G. G. Bellamy
1956-57	Hew Roberts (1/2 yr.)	Louis L. Pickett	G. G. Bellamy	G. G. Bellamy
1957-58	L. L. Pickett	J. Leonard Davies	G. G. Bellamy	G. G. Bellamy
1958-59	J. Leonard Davies	Wayne Pratt	G. G. Bellamy	G. G. Bellamy
1959-60	Ernestine Grafton	Alfred Schwartz	Francis Burnham	Francis Burnham
1960-61	Alfred Schwartz	Mrs. Russell Gage	Francis Burnham	Francis Burnham
1961-62	Mrs. Russell Gage	Gordon Wasinger	Dee Maier	Dee Maier
1962-63	Gordon Wasinger	Roger Lawrence	Jerry Moser	Mrs. Elizabeth Neff
1963-64	Roger Lawrence	Dan A. Williams	Jerry Moser	Jerry Moser
1964-65	Dan A. Williams	Jerry Moser	Mrs. F. Hoffman	Ronald Cline
1965-66	Jerry Moser	Ronald Cline	Mrs. F. Hoffman	Christine Coffey
1966-67	W. H. Stacy	Louise M. Rosenfeld	Clarence Thompson	Phil Langerman
1967-68	Louise M. Rosenfeld	Clarence Thompson	Clifford Knight	Clifford Knight
1968-69	Clarence Thompson	Phil Langerman	Clifford Knight	Irene Beavers
1969-70	Phil Langerman	Irene Beavers	Mrs. Ann Swanson	Lyle Shook Michael Spicer

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Persons in the above list carried responsibilities with: universities - 17 (Drake 4, SUI 4, ISU 9); Libraries - 6 (state 3, community or area 3); schools - 10 (community 8, county 2, area 2); State Department of Public Instruction - 2; and non-governmental organizations or institutions - 7 (labor 1, Farm Bureau 1, PTA 1, YMCA 1, ISEA 1, Iowa Council of Churches 1).

Achievement Awards

Annual IAEA achievement awards "in sincere appreciation for outstanding service and contributions to adult education" were initiated in 1962. Criteria adopted to "serve as a guide, but not a restriction" were stated as:

1. Recipient must be a member of IAEA.
2. Recipient must be a member of AEA.
3. Recipient must have contributed to the development of adult education in Iowa.
4. More than one award may be presented in any one year if the Executive Committee desires.
5. If no one merits an award in any given year, it may be omitted for that year.
6. An award may be given to an organization or to an institution.
7. Accomplishments may be over a period of time and not for the past year only.
8. Until such time that enough have received the award to form a committee to choose the winner, the Executive Committee shall make the decision.
9. Nominations may be made by an IAEA member and/or by an appointed committee.

Recipients of these certificates of merit at annual IAEA meetings have included:

1962	Alice V. Myers, Des Moines
1963	W. H. Stacy, Ames
1964	Mrs. Russell Gage, Newton
1965	Christine Coffey, Des Moines
1966	Louise Rosenfeld, Ames
1967	James A. Sheldon, Des Moines
1968	Dan Williams, Des Moines
1969	Rev. Clifford C. Knight, Des Moines

The Missouri Valley Adult Education Association, beginning in 1959, has presented certificate of merit achievement awards annually "in sincere appreciation for outstanding contributions to adult education." Persons so recognized have been nominated by their state adult education groups. Iowans have included:

1959	J.C. Wright, Des Moines
1960	J. Leonard Davies, Iowa City
1961	Glenn E. Holmes, Ames
1962	James A. Sheldon, Des Moines
1963	Ernestine Grafton, Des Moines
1964	Alfred W. Schwartz, Des Moines
1965	(No nomination)
1966	Polk County Leadership Group
1967	W.H. Stacy, Ames
1968	Gordon B. Wasinger, Iowa City
1969	Phil Langerman, Ankeny

WHAT... WHEN... WHERE...

IAEA functions are of a fellowship and general nature to the extent that no report can summarize accomplishments. However available records document annual meeting programs and timely endeavors, which viewed in sequence and perspective do evidence significant dividends from this type of teamwork.

First, the setting in which the association was established should be noted.

Pre-1945

American and World Associations for Adult Education had been formed in the 1920's (with help from the Carnegie Foundation). Early in the 1930's an Adult Education Section had been established in the Iowa State Teachers Association (later the Iowa State Education Association). Advisory committees, councils or associations were increasingly common in local areas for planning and supporting adult education programs. Steps had been taken to form a Nebraska Adult Education Council at the first Missouri Valley Adult Education Conference, in Omaha, October 6-7, 1938. Comparable developments were reported in other regions and states.

Publications supplied guides. Contributing to thought were: (1) University of Iowa Extension Bulletin, October 1, 1933 on "Facilities for Adult Education in Iowa," (2) survey report, in 1933, by an American Country Life Association committee on "Cultural Arts in Rural America," (3) a published Ph.D. thesis, in 1935, on "The Integration of Adult Education," (4) monograph published in

1940 by the American Association for Adult Education, reporting a national study of "Adult Education Councils" and (5) the "Adult Education in Iowa" report in 1944 of a reconnaissance survey conducted by an adult education committee of the Iowa Council for Better Education.

1945

The 72 men and women at the April 7, 1945 IAEA organization meeting came from 20 Iowa centers. They included school superintendents, librarians, leaders in agricultural extension and university extension, educators in the state departments of health and safety, high school vocational agricultural instructors, officers of state organizations, members of community adult education councils, directors of radio programs, representatives of liberal arts colleges and workers in the field of veterans' services.

Dr. Paul H. Sheets (then the educational director of Town Hall) engaged for the main talk, spoke on "National Priorities and Trends in Adult Education." Five of his statements were quoted in follow-up reports:

> "Our job is to meet the test of using adult education to improve the living standards of the people. Adult educators must lead the way in community action."
>
> "We need meetings of this type to provide for the transfer of ideas and suggestions."
>
> "War has strengthened the public education institutions in this country."
>
> "People have demonstrated their capacity to adapt to new needs."
>
> "The world of yesterday has gone."

During that first year (April 25, 1945 to January 4, 1946) IAEA officers held 12 committee meetings. Plans were shaped for 10 activities which included district conferences, cooperation with other educational associations, radio adult education programs, use of adult education visual aids, educational services for returning veterans, promoting state legislation for adult education, community forums and community councils.

A second state meeting was held in Des Moines, November 3. Dr. Ben Cherrington, Chancellor, University of Denver, had spoken in the Des Moines Public Forums the previous evening on "Education and the United Nations." With the IAEA group he discussed "Lessons Adult Educators May Learn from the Defeated Powers." 50 attended. After the talk they considered an IAEA Policies Committee report.

First issues of an "Adult Education in Iowa" news bulletin were published in June and October--edited by Forrest Spaulding. (Succeeding editors included Paul H. Durrie, Leonard C. Murray, Glenn E. Holmes, Hew Roberts, J. Leonard Davies, W.H. Stacy, and Gordon Wasinger.)

1946

Five major meetings were reported in IAEA Newsletters:

1. February 1, at the Iowa State Teachers Association conference in Des Moines, a panel discussion dealt with "School Leadership in Adult Education" having as its major contributor Dr. Leland Bradford, Director of Adult Education Activities in the National Education Association. A second discussion period dealt with "Building Support for Adult Education in Iowa."

2. Northeast Iowa Adult Education Conference at the Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, March 15. Dr. Cyril O. Houle, Dean, University College, University of Chicago was engaged as the principal speaker on the theme of "Providing Educational Leadership."

3. State Conference and annual meeting at the University of Iowa, June 14-15, connected with an American Town Meeting of the Air program moderated by George V. Denny, Jr. Lyman Bryson, President, American Association for Adult Education, spoke on "Problems of Peace." IAEA meetings focused on "What's Ahead for Adult Education." Panel discussions dealt with uses of films and radio in adult education.

4. IAEA cooperated with the annual Iowa Rural Leaders Conference, at Sac City, September 6-7, promoting community forum programs. Fifty-nine registered. Contributing leaders included S. L. Witman, Director, Council on World Affairs, Cleveland; Eric Tebow and Carl Tjerandson, leaders of the Kansas Institute of Citizenship at Manhattan, and Harry E. Terrell, Education Director, Western Policy Committee, Des Moines.

5. IAEA sessions during ISEA Convention, in Des Moines, November 7, focused on "Serving Community Interests Through Adult Education." Robert J. Blakely spoke on "Community Education to Build a Better World."

Through its legislative committee IAEA worked with the Iowa General Assembly for "An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance in the public schools of the state, day and evening classes and public forums for the education of adults, and to repeal chapter two hundred seventeen (217), Code of 1939." Part of the November 7 meeting was devoted to discussing "Legislation for Adult Education in Iowa." (Note: Back in February of 1942, persons instrumental in founding the IAEA had presented statements on adult education before the Iowa School Code Commission.)

1947

Records explain the following ten developments:

1. IAEA news bulletins (edited by Paul Durrie) published in January, March, June and October.

2. Panel discussions of "Community Planning for Adult Education," staffed by its officers and Hiram Hunn of Des Moines, were presented at meetings of the Women's Club in Jefferson, January 7, the Polk County Federation of Women's Clubs January 14, and the Lamoni Community Forum, January 20.

3. IAEA officers handled major responsibilities for developing the Third Missouri Valley Conference of Adult Education Workers, in Omaha, March 21-22 (Alice V. Myers, general chairman, W.H. Stacy, program chairman). Eighty who registered included 39 from Iowa, 26 from Nebraska, 8 from Kansas, 3 from Missouri, 2 from Colorado, 1 from South Dakota and 1 from Minnesota. This program was mainly of a workshop nature with 13 groups formed to deal with stated problems.

4. Second Adult Education Conference at Cedar Falls, March 13, was sponsored by the Iowa Association for Adult Education and the Iowa State Teachers College. Theme: "Mobilizing Our Community Resources for Better Living." Out of state leader was Dr. J.H. Kolb, Head of the Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin.

5. Relationships were extended in the adult education teamwork movement. Alice Myers served as Regional Vice President, Department of Adult Education of the NEA; W.H. Stacy worked as a member of the committee on Community Organization of the American Association for Adult Education (report published in 1948); Paul Durrie, who attended the AAAE annual convention at West Point, N.Y., May 12-16 (also WHS) was appointed on the program committee for its 1948 meeting. Also, contacts were developed with adult education associations in Canada.

6. IAEA annual meeting held at Parsons College, Fairfield, June 20, 70 persons registered.

7. Cooperated with Des Moines Public Schools to engage Dr. Henry J. Ponitz, Michigan Adult Education Council for meetings in Ames and Des Moines.

8. At fall meetings during the ISEA convention, November 7, Hew Roberts, SUI, spoke on "Adult Education in Iowa" and Dr. H. M. Hamlin, University of Illinois, talked on "Defaulting Educational Responsibility."

9. "Adult Education Handbook for Iowa Schools," 22 page pamphlet prepared by Glenn Holmes, published by the State Department of Public Instruction. This supplied condensed information dealing with the questions: What is adult education? What are the purposes of adult education? Why provide adult education programs? What is being done in our nation in adult education? What can our Iowa communities do?

10. Following up on work with the AAAE Committee on Community Development, officers of the IAEA, working through the Iowa Council for Better Education, organized and conducted the first Iowa Community Development Workshop, October 20-21, 1947, enlisting 300 participants.

1948

This year the Iowa Association for Adult Education joined with the Missouri Valley Adult Education Conference and the Des Moines Adult Education Council to host the annual convention of the American Adult Education Association in Des Moines, May 10-12. Other developments included:

1. Three "adult education in Iowa" news bulletins published: (#12) Mid-Winter Issue, (#13) May, (#14) June, edited by Paul Durrie.

2. Officers of the IAEA, with Alice Myers chairman, carried major responsibilities for the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association meeting held Monday evening, May 10 during the national adult education conference in Des Moines.

3. Fred Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, Eldora and past-president of the Iowa State Education Association served as Legislative Committee Chairman, giving attention to the legislative program for adult education to be considered in the 1949 Iowa General Assembly.

4. Cooperated with the State Department of Public Instruction in developing its first state adult education conference, March 29 and 30 in Des Moines. Dean Cyril Houle of Chicago and Dr. Homer Kempfer of Washington, D.C. contributed.

5. Annual IAEA conference held at Iowa State College, Ames, June 26, included discussions dealing principally with "Why Adults Learn" and "How to Build Participation in Adult Education Programs." Treasurer reported 137 members.

6. IAEA leaders carried major responsibilities for the second Iowa Community Development Workshop, at the Hotel Savery, in Des Moines, in October.

7. Other activities: (a) participation in work of the Des Moines Radio Council, 6 broadcasting stations affiliated, (b) review of IAEA program presented over WOI (ISC radio station), (c) contributions to health education forums and to the Grinnell Institute of International Relations, (d) work with a research committee of the American Association for Adult Education, also contributions to a survey of state adult education councils conducted by the NEA Department of Adult Education, (e) participation in the Program Planning Conference for group and community leaders sponsored by Community College, Drake University, September 16, and (f) holding a fall meeting at the ISEA convention, November 5, at which C. L. Greiber, Director, Wisconsin Board of Vocational and Adult Education, spoke on "Will We Meet the Challenge?"

1949

1. Central Program Committee members for the third Iowa Community Development Work Conference (at Ames, October 17-18) were Alice Myers, Leonard C. Murray, and W.H. Stacy, chairman. Close working relationships were maintained with the Iowa Council for Better Education.

2. Further committee work for state legislation to support adult education programs in the public schools.

3. "Adult Education in Iowa" IAEA News Bulletins, edited by Leonard C. Murray.

4. Further relationships with the American Association for Adult Education. Represented at the National Adult Education Conference, Columbus, Ohio, May 9-11--when a reorganization plan was adopted to form the Adult Education Association of the USA--by Paul H. Durrie, Glenn Holmes, W.H. Stacy and Hiram Hunn.

5. Annual meeting at Drake University, June 24. The program included: (a) group dynamics demonstration, (b) panel discussion of "Is Adult Education Recreation or Learning Process," (c) statement on "What's Ahead for Adult Education?" and (d) participation in a full involvement discussion led by Don Phillips (director of Adult Education, Michigan State College, East Lansing) on "How Can Adult Education Help Develop Communities?"

6. Fall meeting during the ISEA convention, November 3, considering adult education programs and needs in Iowa (committee in charge: A. M. Sarchett, Hew Roberts and Louise Rosenfeld, chairman).

7. Continued cooperative relationships with the Adult Education Program of the National Education Association.

8. Carried major responsibilities for the Missouri Valley Adult Education Conference held at Lawrence, Kansas, March 23-25.

1950

Another year of (1) sharing responsibilities for the Missouri Valley Adult Education Conference (at Lincoln, Nebraska) March 30-April 1, on Missouri River Basin Development plans, (2) participating in the annual conference of the American Adult Education Association and (3) providing leadership for the annual Iowa Community Work Conference which in 1950 evolved into the Iowa Council for Community Improvement.

A joint meeting was held with the Iowa Council for Better Education, in Des Moines, June 12.

A second state meeting was held November 3, during the ISEA convention featuring a discussion of "Current Trends in Adult Education."

Cooperated with the State University of Iowa in the Iowa Film Chautauqua, July 24-29, at Gull Point Park Lodge, Spirit Lake.

1951

Annual meeting at Hotel Kirkwood, May 26, structured to consider nine proposals:

1. Leadership training
2. Suggestions for source materials, personnel, visual aids, etc.
3. Coordinate resources from state institutions and other colleges
4. Clearing house on sources of material and ideas on techniques
5. Coordination of planning inter- and intra- community activities

6. District and regional workshops based on community needs
7. Bulletin exchange ideas
8. Involvement of lay advisory council in the state organization
9. Conduct regional demonstrations of techniques and methods

The association also printed "Adult Education Newsletter" issued in November of 1951, edited by Glenn E. Holmes (first since 1949).

Assistance with the first adult education workshop was also given. This was under the auspices of the State Board of Education Regents at the Lakeside Laboratories, Lake Okoboji during a week in June.

1952

The association:

1. Published printed Newsletters, edited by Glenn Holmes, in April and October. Members numbered 196 in April.

2. Minor changes were made in the IAEA Constitution.

3. The annual meeting, April 24 in Ames, focused on "New Ventures in Adult Education." The keynote speech was delivered by Per Stensland, Institute of Citizenship, Kansas State College, Manhattan.

4. A mimeographed brochure, "Memo to Myself," announced the IAEA fall meeting, November 7 at the Des Moines YWCA. The program provided for (1) 3 discussions of "What Are Our Adult Education Problems?" (2) recognition and tribute to Paul Durrie (elected president, AEA of the USA), and (3) dinner program with speech on "Education Until Senility" by Dr. Henry Hill, president, George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

5. Regional adult education workshops were held at Spencer, November 21, and Waverly, December 18. The association cooperated with the State Adult Education Workshop at the University of Iowa June 16-20.

1953

Started the year with 266 members.

IAEA annual meeting, April 30, at the Des Moines Art Center focused on "The Consumer of Adult Education." Malcolm S. Knowles, Administrative Coordinator of the Adult Education Association of the USA engaged for summary statements in forenoon and afternoon sessions. Each

participant was supplied (by the Bureau of Instructional Services, University of Iowa) with a 26-page compilation of "Questions and Answers by Members of the Iowa Association for Adult Education."

Fall meeting program, November 6, in Des Moines, featured discussion and a talk by Dr. Willard Goslin, George Peabody College for Teachers, on "What Are the Differences Between Teaching Children and Adults."

Assisted with Third Annual Workshop at the Lakeside Laboratory, Lake Okoboji, the week of July 6.

1954

IAEA and the State Department of Public Instruction co-sponsored regional conferences at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, February 22, and Parsons College, Fairfield, March 1.

Annual meeting at Des Moines Art Center, April 29 focused on "The Role of Television in Adult Learning."

A membership grouping February 1 (incomplete) showed 63 in school administration, 30 college personnel, 26 lay leaders, 8 extension, 4 vocational home economics, 3 PTA, 2 librarians, 2 labor leaders, 2 directors of adult education and 1 ISEA.

Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, Superintendent of Los Angeles Schools spoke at state dinner meeting, November 5, on "Never Too Old to Learn."

Minutes of IAEA executive committee meetings recorded reports on Missouri Valley Adult Education Conference held at Sioux City and the 1953 National Adult Education Conference of the AEA-USA in New York City.

1955

(Beginning IAEA's second decade)

Discussions in the January 18 executive and advisory committee meeting led to conclusions that:

1. Association does contribute in service to adult education of the state.
2. The Iowa Association compares well with those in the few states that have associations.
3. Iowa is recognized as having outstanding adult education programs in operations.
4. 257 public schools have general adult education programs in operation in the state this year.

5. Many association members do give personal and professional service on their own time.
6. Many members of the association are recognized as national leaders in adult education.

Based on these six conclusions "the concensus was that the association should at least do the following things:

1. Hold two meetings a year: one meeting at the time of the ISEA State Convention; and the other the annual spring meeting.

2. Issue two bulletins a year: the first bulletin should serve as a membership appeal and announce the fall meeting; and the other, the annual spring meeting.

3. Sponsor, with the State Department of Public Instruction doing the "leg work" regional or area meetings in the state to promote and improve programs of adult education."

4. Secure list of all organizations and groups in the state conducting adult education programs.

Minutes of this 1/18/55 meeting also state: "Dr. Davies agreed that he would seek approval of the Extension Division (SUI) to print future bulletins through the facilities of the Extension Division."

Annual meeting program, at Ames, April 28 was "designed to help solve some of the problems of the local community's adult education program." Robert J. Blakely, Fund for Adult Education, spoke to the group on "Adult Education in 1955."

Fall meeting, November 4, organized by Hew Roberts, featured a clinic discussion of "Your Own Questions about Advisory Councils."

Volume 5, No. 1 IAAE Newsletter published in September by the University of Iowa Extension Division.

Cooperated with Guthrie County leaders in developing "Operation Bootstraps" project promoted by the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association.

1956

Program for annual meeting, in Ames, May 1, planned as "a cafeteria of How-to-do-its," with leaders selected for discussions of 6 propositions.

Panel discussion at November 2 meeting dealt with "Ideas That Clicked" followed with a talk on "Adult Education for Whom?" by Dr. William C. Donald of Milwaukee.

Mimeographed Newsletter reported 10 adult education items.

With IAEA President Hew Roberts returning to Australia, Vice-President L. L. Pickett formed an advisory planning committee which met November 30 formulating 6 proposals for strengthening IAEA functions.

1957

Joint meeting with the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association in Des Moines, March 28-29. Don Emory engaged as speaker for the IAEA luncheon session.

Symposium at fall meeting in Des Moines, November 8 dealt with "A New Look at Adult Education." At the dinner session, Dr. Kermit A. Seefeld spoke on "Adult Education in the Far West."

IAEA Newsletter Vol. 6, No. 1 published in October, noted developments of adult education programs by (1) Community College, Drake University, (2) Parent Education course offered by ISTC (3) Land-Grant College extension, (4) Iowa Institute of Gerontology, (5) Bureau of Correspondence Study, UI, and (6) in public schools.

1958

IAEA and Iowa Council for Community Improvement interrelationships noted in IAEA "Conference Issue" Newsletter (Vol. 6, No. 2).

District conferences held at Waverly (January 14) Creston (March 13) and Sheldon (March 17).

Annual meeting held in Ames, April 28. Eight discussion groups--each with selected leader, consultants and recorder--dealt with major concerns of adult educators. Dr. Howard Johnson (President of NAPSAE and Principal, Emily Griffith Opportunity School in Denver, Colorado) spoke on "The Goals and Objectives of Adult Education"--also contributed a summary statement in the concluding session.

Cooperated with MVAEA conference held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 20-21.

Again the Bureau of Instructional Services, UI, supplied a 30-page manual reprint with additions of one used in the 1953 IAEA conference.

Invitations to the fall meeting, November 6 in Des Moines, reported: "At present, 173 Iowa communities have adult education programs in connection with their school activity." Gordon B. Wasinger spoke on "The Iowa Public School Program for Adult Education."

1959

Membership report: 76 IAEA members and 113 Iowa members of AEA-USA.

Annual conference, at Drake University, April 20, focused on "Adult Education for All Iowa Interests." Out of state speakers included Philip Klein, president, Adult Education Association-USA, and Ruth Warneke, Secretary AEA-USA, (American Library Association Community Project, Chicago).

November 5 meeting focused on "Adult Education and Educational Television" with talk by W. E. Stirton, Vice-President University of Michigan, and a visit to studio of KDPS-TV.

1960

Annual meeting May 6 in Des Moines. Two sessions: (1) forenoon meeting with the Program Planning and Leadership Clinic jointly sponsored by the Department of Adult Education of the Des Moines Public Schools and the Des Moines Public Library, (2) afternoon at Drake University with a panel discussion led by representatives of Iowa League of Women Voters, public libraries, and public school adult education programs.

1961

Officers and advisory committee (total of 12 persons) met at Drake University March 30 to review trends in Iowa adult education programs and ways of further developing cooperative endeavors.

Annual meeting, May 12, at Drake University, 56 registered. Robert Blakely, Dean, Extension Division, UI, spoke on "Potentials of the Adult Education Movement." Nicholas Farnham, Foreign Policy Association (from Boulder, Colorado) explained the eight weeks "Great Decisions" discussion program. Four buzz session discussion groups made recommendations with reference to:

1. Dividing the state into four IAEA areas, with a steering committee for programs in each area.

2. Reviving the IAEA Newsletter--with publication offer from the Bureau of Instructional Services, U of I.

3. Membership work--to be directed by the IAEA executive committee.

4. Endorsement of the "Great Decisions" program for Iowa communities.

Steps were taken to develop an IAEA executive council composed of contact people from 16 organizations and institutions. This group met for a workshop meeting, September 22, in the Des Moines area YMCA, on the theme: "IAEA Looking Ahead." Consideration was given to suggestions and evaluations received from four areas of the state.

1962

Annual meeting May 10 in Des Moines. Glenn S. Jensen, Executive Director of AEA/USA, spoke on "Adult Education--Hope for the Future," followed by a reactor panel discussion. Dave Bechtel (State Department of Public Instruction) reported on the "Community College Study in Iowa." First IAEA certificate achievement award presented to Alice Myers. Iowa Association for Adult Education renamed Iowa Adult Education Association.

August IAEA Newsletter had statements regarding: (1) IAEA annual meeting, (2) MVAEA Conference, April 26-27, (3) Iowa Council for Better Education, (4) Iowa Council for Community Improvement, and (5) AEA/USA Project Task Force.

1963

Annual business meeting followed the MVAEA Conference in Des Moines, April 4-5.

Contributors to the regional meeting included three AEA/USA leaders: Eugene Johnson (executive director), Robert Sharer (chairman AEA/USA Task Force Committee) speaking on a two-way telephone arrangement, and Elbert Burr (past-president) who stated four "adult education targets":

1. Providing leadership and direction in our own communities for manpower and training programs, to assure the use of available information and occupational counseling.

2. Meeting the challenge of school drop-outs, to provide needed education for occupations.

3. Sharing with those who are shaping the program of education at all levels.

4. Facing up to how education can be brought to bear on social problems: more and better efforts on the use of mass media, reaching people where they are. "Let's be creative with reference to what we can do to bring education to bear on the solution of difficult problems."

An IAEA Task Force Committee established April 5 was composed of members of its executive committee and W.H. Stacy, Chairman. Four aims were stated:

1. Build an awareness of what adult education could be in Iowa.

2. Recognize a number of basic concerns that are being dealt with only in a token way.

3. Promote an attitude of progress, understanding the potentialities of this state.

4. Appreciate the significance of coordinated effort and a feeling of working together.

Exploratory interviews with a score of adult education leaders led to plans for a State Adult Education Workshop. This was held September 30 (in the Des Moines Area YMCA), with 50 registered participants including Eugene Johnson, executive director AEA/USA. A follow-up report said:

"Members of the IAEA Task Force Committee were greatly encouraged by our September 30 meeting. But what did we accomplish?

"1. A digest of contributions, as approved by the IAEA executive committee has been mimeographed, (12 pages) which we regard as a 'Tentative Plan of Work Outline.'

"2. A summary statement, 'Teamwork for Adult Education' was presented over WOI radio, October 25 (mimeographed, 4 pages, for extensive follow-up use).

"3. Recommendations with regard to new allocations of channels for educational TV were reviewed with Jim Davis of WOI-TV and checked with members of the Task Force committee, then submitted to the Federal Communication Commission, October 16. As suggested, copies were forwarded to the Joint Council on Educational Broadcasting, The American Council on Education, The Division of Audio-Visual Instruction, NEA, and The Iowa Joint Committee on Educational Broadcasting. An appreciative acknowledgement, dated October 21, from the National Educational Television and Radio Center (with a number of significant enclosures) includes this statement: 'Your letter is an excellent letter of support and I know will be carefully considered by the Commission in taking final action on its proposal.'

"4. We are keeping for distribution, as needed, a limited supply of the statements prepared for the September 30 meeting. These include:

a. 'Challenge and Footings' (dittoed statement of IAEA Task Force committee purpose, mailed in August to about 125 leaders).

b. 'Benchmarks for Teamwork in Adult Education as Represented by the Iowa Adult Education Association' (dittoed 14 pages)

c. 'Eight Years of Continuing Education in a County Board of Education Program' (dittoed 4 pages)

d. 'Answering the Challenge' statement by James Sheldon, director, Department of Adult Education, Des Moines Public Schools (dittoed 2 pages)

e. 'Scope and Responsibilities: Cooperative Extension' (dittoed 2 pages)

f. 'Meaningful Social Living, Guidelines for Progress in a Free Society, by W.H. Stacy' (multilithed)

"Next steps will be taken December 3 at a called meeting of the IAEA executive committee. Glad to have your suggestions."

1964

Annual meeting, April 17, in Des Moines, structured to include: (1) consideration of Project Task Force work, (2) a talk, using a "Self

Inventory" discussion guide by Dr. John B. Holden (Director of the Graduate School, USDA, Washington, D.C., and President-elect of the Adult Education Association of the USA) on "Encouraging Developments in Adult Education," (3) audience participation in four discussion groups ("Human Rights," Alice V. Myers, Chm; "Automation and the Challenge of Technological Change," Gordon B. Wasinger, Chm; "Leisure Time Challenges," Ernestine Grafton, Chm; "Public Affairs and Adult Education," Glenn E. Holmes, Chm.) and reports by a representative from each group, (4) summary of previous year's activities by the historian, and (5) a "Focusing on the Future" business session.

The IAEA Task Force Committee engaged in two major endeavors: (1) delineating and publicizing adult education programs and (2) developing workshops for adult educators.

(1) Delineating and Publicizing

During February there were contacts with members of the Des Moines Register staff in regard to publishing more information about adult education programs. (Understandably their Des Moines Evening Tribune prints more news of this nature particularly for the Des Moines area audience.) This led to the gathering of information by reconnaissance surveys in the Mason City and Sioux City communities.

MASON CITY: Interest in the proposition was expressed by a member of the Mason City Board of Education. The Task Force Committee chairman arranged with George W. Eddings, Director of Adult Education in the Mason City Public Schools for two days' survey work (April 21-22). A summary report sent back the following week was approved. Its 11 pages carried the title "Adults Want to Learn." Section headings were: "What's Happening in the Mason City Area," "Guiding Ideas," "Upgrading Vocational Skills," "Recreational Interest," "Public Affairs," "Effective Teamwork," "How Financed," and "Satisfactions." Dittoed copies were made available by the Engineering Extension Division, Iowa State University, for use in a state adult education workshop (see below).

SIOUX CITY: A similar survey was conducted (May 11-12) and reported in the Sioux City area--working with Robert P. Cox, Adult Education Center, Sioux City, and other leaders. This was titled, "Learning for Life." Section headings: "Adults in Sioux City Area Interested in Continuous Education," "Public School Adult Education Center," "Travelog Lectures," six groups of courses, "Group Discussions," and "Other Programs" (which included city-wide discussion programs, Cooperative Extension Work, Homemaker Service of the Sioux City Health Department, Art Center,

Public Museum, Theater and Concerts, and Civic Organization), and a concluding "Overview." This report was mimeographed, May 29 by the Adult Education Center, for use locally. Dittoed copies were later made available by the Engineering Extension Division, ISU, for state use.

Efforts to promote more publicity for adult education activities moved toward conferences with the publisher and the editorial staff of the Des Moines Register. These led to publication on the editorial page, August 31, of a one column article on "The Adult Education Outlook" written by Kenneth Rystrom of the editorial pages staff. It presented a summary of information he obtained from the State Department of Public Instruction showing that about 60,000 Iowans were participating in public school adult education, along with statements about findings of the IAEA surveys in the Mason City and the Sioux City communities.

(2) Workshop

A three day "Adult Education for Adult Educators" workshop, June 15-17, 1964, in Alumni Hall of ISU, enlisted 41 participants. Included were 8 public library workers, 13 from the Cooperative Extension Service and 5 from other ISU programs, 1 from the Extension Division of SUI, 5 directors of community school adult education programs, 1 from the State Department of Public Instruction, and 8 organization program leaders (Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa Congress of Parents and Teachers, YMCA and YWCA, Iowa Council of Churches and Simpson College, Iowa Institute of Cooperation, Political Action Institute and the Des Moines Chapter of NAACP).

Eight sessions dealt with: What is Adult Education? Why and How Do Adults Learn? Urgent Issues and Needs Which Can be Served by Adult Education, With Whom Are We Working? What Are Our Resources and Where Do We Work? Teamwork for Advancing Adult Education in Iowa, Planning Adult Education Program and How Can We Become More Effective in Working with People as Adult Educators?

Several adult education teaching methods were used: flannel-board presentations, huddle discussions, presentations with slide projectors and viewgraphs, blackboards, panel discussions, lecture-discussion, case reports, uses of materials, and observation tour (to WOI radio-TV station).

Evaluations were solicited and summarized in a follow-up report. (Copies reviewed with IAEA officers).

Interest for a follow-up district workshop program was expressed by adult education leaders in Mason City. This did not materialize.

Contacts were made with Syracuse University adult education library center in late August 1964 on a visit in that area of New York by the IAEA Task Force Committee Chairman after which a collection of materials reporting the Iowa programs was supplied.

1965

(Beginning IAEA's third decade)

With assistance from IFBF publication artists and printing facilities of the Des Moines Public Library an attractive IAEA brochure was published during the forepart of 1965. Having a unique fold it carried the title "Learning is Living---Living is Learning and Need not Cease at Any Age."

Also a one sheet appeal, "IAEA Invites you to Join in a Teamwork Program for Advancing Continuous Learning Bearing on Needs of All Citizens" was published for membership work.

An Iowa report on Task Force Committee work, written by Holmes and Stacy, published in the February 1965 issue of Adult Leadership AEA/USA.

Annual meeting May 3 in Cedar Rapids. Theme: "A Look at Adult Education in Crestport." Role playing procedures were successfully used for creative thinking about the problem: "The Community Planning Council formally requested the city council to appoint a study committee on continuing education for Crestport. The study committee was selected by the city council and the mayor was requested to call the meeting and serve as chairman of the committee." Aids were supplied (by program committee chairman Gordon Wasinger) for orienting the participants to (1) the community, (2) the problems and (3) responsibilities of those playing roles: mayor, alderman, city librarian, county professional association, president, chamber of commerce representative, federated clubs representative, farm association representative, homemakers league representative, recreation director, school superintendent, minister, school board member; also representatives of labor organization, council on human rights and manufacturers association.

Minutes of the annual meeting business session recorded items regarding (1) the 1965 joint national convention of AEA/USA and NAPSAE (2) the 1966 MVAEA conference to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 21-22 (3) a request from Dean Schwartz of Drake University for reports to the Governor's committee on international cooperation year on work done in the area of international understanding, and (4) European Study Tour in connection with an International Conference on Higher Adult Education, in Copenhagen, June 1965 in which Marvin Gould planned to participate.

On a WOI radio "Sixty Plus" interview program August 10, the Task Force commitee chairman reviewed the IAEA annual meeting, with particular reference to how retirees in local communities might help advance this type of lifelong learning.

1966

Annual meeting in Des Moines, May 3. Fifty-one registered. Major theme: "Our Iowa Experiences in Federally Supported Adult Education." Symposium considering "Iowa Progress with New Federal Support" presented statements regarding (1) Basic Adult Education, (2) vocational school programs, (3) liberal adult education and (4) low income people. There were reports by Christine Coffey, Assistant Director, Iowa State Traveling Library on "Extending Library Services" and by Marvin Anderson, Director of Extension, Iowa State University on "Changing Aspects of Extension Programs Under the Iowa Board of Regents," and a concluding address on "Adult Education Challenges as Viewed by Religious Leaders" by the Rev. Clifford Knight, chairman, Division of Christian Education, Iowa Council of Churches. A WOI radio talk, May 6 on "Exciting Adult Education Developments" by the program committee chairman (mimeographed for follow-up use) reported by highlights of this IAEA annual meeting, along with items about the MVAEA annual convention, April 21-22 in Sioux Falls.

Membership list, dated September 16, included 89 names. Extensive work by membership committee, chaired by Phil Langerman, required a reprint of the "Living is Learning..." brochure.

Ernestine Grafton was elected secretary of the Adult Education Association of the USA. Seventeen Iowans attended its convention in Chicago, November 12-16. Particular attention given to structure and functions of its Council of State Organizations. Plans advanced for holding the 1968 National Adult Education Conference of the AEA/USA in Des Moines, Iowa.

1967

Further consideration given to relations with other state adult education associations and functions of the Council of State Associations in the AEA/USA.

Membership work renewed in April when 101 were listed as IAEA members. In a list of potential members, 235 persons were contacted.

IAEA Newsletter published in March (by Bureau of Instructional Services, University of Iowa) with attached copy of a radio talk by the IAEA president on "New Frontiers in Adult Education" (about 500 copies of which were distributed through other channels).

Annual meeting May 2 in Des Moines dealing with "New Frontiers in Adult Education." Program planned to use Iowa leaders for discussions of "Area Schools and Adult Education," "Iowa Fine Arts Council program," "Educational Television" and "The Adult Education Act of 1966" with a concluding talk by the director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

Registered at this annual meeting were 99 persons. Two resolutions were adopted and forwarded to members of the Iowa General Assembly, then in session.

A follow-up radio talk over WOI mimeographed for follow-up use carried the title "We Work With People." (Another similar talk "Adult Education on the Move" April 21 reported the 23rd conference of the MVAEA in Minneapolis.)

A second IAEA Newsletter in 1967 published a comprehensive report of the May 2 annual meeting.

1968

"New Ways for Adult Education." Choosing this as a theme, the Iowa Adult Education Association and the MVAEA held a joint conference in Des Moines, April 25-26, 1968. Business affairs of the IAEA were handled in a breakfast session on the second day. Conference plans had been announced in a joint newsletter published March 1 which carried news items about adult education developments in five of the seven states in the region.

Program features of this MVAEA-IAEA conference, which was reported in a June 1968 issue of the MVAEA Journal, included keynote address, "Inside Looking Out Outside Looking In" by Dr. Alfred Schwartz, Dean, College of Education, Drake University (who had served as president of each association) and the conference banquet address by Dr. Marvin Anderson, Dean University Extension, Iowa State University, on "New Challenge for Adult Education with Special Reference to Public Affairs Education."

Another IAEA Newsletter, in July, published memorial tributes to Dan A. Williams, who met an untimely death on the highways May 24, one month after he received the 1968 IAEA Award of Merit.

The 1968 National Adult Education Conference of the Adult Education Association of the USA on the theme "New Dimensions in Technology" was held in Des Moines, November 14-17. IAEA leaders shared major responsibilities with national officers for planning and conducting this program. Members of the Conference Executive Committee included James Sheldon (General Chairman) and eight other Iowans. Ernestine Grafton served as Conference Coordinator. Clarence Thompson, and Glenn Holmes with one other member were co-chairmen of the program committee. Phil Langerman served as co-chairman for Promotion. The Administrative Services Committee was staffed by 11 Iowans, with Ernestine Grafton and Christine Coffey as co-chairmen. Roger L. Lawrence was in charge of Evaluation and Betsy Angert in charge of Exhibits.

1969

This year the IAEA annual conference was held at Drake University in Des Moines, May 15, dealing with "Cooperation the First Step--Communications." Focusing on "Cooperative Planning in Adult Education Activities" were statements by representative leaders of state universities, public schools, community colleges, libraries, and mass media. Another symposium leading thought on "Cooperation--a Group Activity" reported experiences of church leaders in cooperative endeavors, along with achievements by adult educators in the Des Moines Adult Leadership Council. The concluding address was by Dr. Gordon Wasinger on "The College Drop Out--What Next?"

Annual business meeting considerations, as reported in the August 1969 IAEA Newsletter, included reports on continuing relationships with the Adult Education Association, USA and with the council of state organizations in the Iowa Division of the United Nations Association USA. Noted was the fact that there were 52 names on the IAEA membership list.

A second 1969 IAEA Newsletter published in late December (like others of 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969 courtesy of the Bureau of Instructional Services, University of Iowa) presented progress reports on "Teamwork for the United Nations," the Library Institute at Drake University and statewide library services. Other contributions included:

(1) Editorial on "A Time to Examine Our Attitudes" copied from "Community Teamwork. Notes About Adult Education for Hoosiers," published by Indiana University, December 1969.

(2) Reports of the AEA Family Life Section meeting at the Galaxy Conference on Adult Education (Washington, D. C. December 6-10, 1969) on "Strengthening Family Life in Today's World."

(3) Listing of Association Officers for the AEA/USA and 18 other assocations participating together in the Galaxy Conference.

(4) Annual report of the Executive Director, AEA/USA.

(5) "Imperatives for Action" statement on the basis of which the program for the Galaxy Conference was planned.

(6) Proposal for the Adult Education Opportunity Act of 1970 and the National Center for Adult Education.

FACING FORWARD

"The world of yesterday is gone." Dr. Paul H. Sheets stated this as a fact when speaking about "National Priorities in Adult Education," April 7, 1945 at the meeting where the Iowa Adult Education Association was formed. He also said, "Our job is to meet the test of using adult education to improve the living standards of the people. Adult educators must lead the way in community action."

Alice V. Myers who chaired that meeting and served as IAEA's first President stated commitments of those who were involved: "Today we are thinking through some of our common problems together.... We are here because we believe in the democratic way of life.... The field of adult education is very broad.... Adult learning experiences may be in many places.... More can be accomplished if leaders as a group think together and share experiences.... We are looking forward to the well-rounded development of the adult."

Aims and challenges which Dr. Sheets and Miss Myers expressed so clearly 25 years ago have continued to be the motivating mutual concerns of IAEA leaders. What has been documented in this Silver Anniversary Résumé records teamwork among Iowa adult educators to deal with such challenges.

Critical issues faced have varied. With new situations there have been new resources. Study and experiences have yielded improved procedures. Relationships have been updated and expanded.

Now beginning its second quarter century, IAEA's conference is on the theme "DECADE OF THE 1970's." This program focuses on the currently critical problems of "Pollution" and "Drug Abuse" with discussions of implications for adult education and community responsibility.

Adult educators cherish their opportunities to deal with critical needs, becoming involved with adults facing real life problems. As grouped by categories designated in IAEA's basic brochure--first published in 1965--lifelong learning needs encompass all which appear in the areas of vocational, avocational, cultural and public affairs experiences.

The Iowa Adult Education Association has functioned with very meager financial resources. Rather, its vitality and achievements reflect human resources and dividends from leadership investments in teamwork programs.

Never was it more true that "the world of yesterday is gone." Facing the future, each person, each family, each community is today sensitively involved in larger and more dynamic relationships.

Now demanded--at local, area, state, national and international levels are policies and programs contributing to peace, justice and progress. More than ever before, adult educators are called to "lead the way" contributing "to the well-rounded development of the adult."

Only in part is adult education supported from public funds. Strengthening the fabric of democracy and serving the needs of persons requires involving voluntary participation by men and women in learning which is related to their personal affairs. Non-tax-supported programs carry major responsibilities.

What has been documented in this historical résumé of IAEA's first 25 years suggests much in the way of guidelines for on-going teamwork to deal with the complex learning needs of adults in the years ahead.

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